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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/849,397  
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Our Reference: ALM.048

Dear Examiner Dildine:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the second, non-final Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.